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GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Week: From April 20th to 24th
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PASSIVE VOICE

Passive 1 (is done / was done)

A Study this example:

This house **was built** in 1961.

Was built is *passive*.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **built** this house in 1961. *(active)*
subject *object*

This house **was built** in 1961. *(passive)*
subject

When we use an active verb, we say *what the subject does:*

- My grandfather was a builder. **He built** this house in 1961.
- It's a big company. **It employs** two hundred people.

When we use a passive verb, we say *what happens to the subject:*

- 'How old is this house?' '**It was built** in 1961.'
- **Two hundred people are employed** by the company.

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B When we use the passive, who or what causes the action is often unknown or unimportant:

- A lot of money **was stolen** in the robbery. (somebody stole it, but we don't know who)
- **Is** this room **cleaned** every day? (does somebody clean it? – it's not important who)

If we want to say who does or what causes the action, we use **by**:

- This house was built **by my grandfather**.
- Two hundred people are employed **by the company**.

C The passive is **be** (**is/was** etc.) + *past participle* (**done/cleaned/seen** etc.):

(be) done **(be) cleaned** **(be) damaged** **(be) built** **(be) seen** etc.

For irregular past participles (**done/seen/known** etc.), see Appendix 1.

Study the active and passive forms of the *present simple* and *past simple:*

Present simple

active **clean(s) / see(s)** etc. — Somebody **cleans** this room every day.

passive **am/is/are + cleaned/seen** etc. — This room **is cleaned** every day.

- Many accidents **are caused** by careless driving.
- I'**m not invited** to parties very often.
- How **is** this word **pronounced**?

Past simple

active **cleaned/saw** etc. — Somebody **cleaned** this room yesterday.

passive **was/were + cleaned/seen** etc. — This room **was cleaned** yesterday.

- We **were woken** up by a loud noise during the night.
- 'Did you go to the party?' 'No, I **wasn't invited**.'
- How much money **was stolen** in the robbery?

Exercises

42.1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

~~cause~~	damage	hold	invite	make
overtake	show	surround	translate	write

1 Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
2 Cheese ..... from milk.
3 The roof of the building ..... in a storm a few days ago.
4 You ..... to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
5 A cinema is a place where films ..... .
6 In the United States, elections for president ..... every four years.
7 Originally the book ..... in Spanish, and a few years ago it ..... into English.
8 Although we were driving fast, we ..... by a lot of other cars.
9 You can't see the house from the road. It ..... by trees.

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42.2 **Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.**

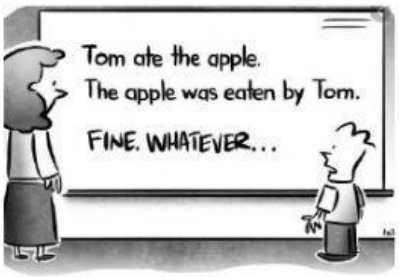
1 Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
2 Ask about television. (when / invent?) _____
3 Ask about mountains. (how / form?) _____
4 Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) _____
5 Ask about silver. (what / use for?) _____

42.3 **Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.**

1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
2 Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
3 Water _____ (cover) most of the earth's surface.
4 How much of the earth's surface _____ (cover) by water?
5 The park gates _____ (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
6 The letter _____ (send) a week ago and it (arrive) _____ yesterday.
7 The boat hit a rock and _____ (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody _____ (rescue).
8 Robert's parents _____ (die) when he was very young. He and his sister _____ (bring up) by their grandparents.
9 I was born in London, but I _____ (grow up) in Canada.
10 While I was on holiday, my camera _____ (steal) from my hotel room.

42.4 **Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using somebody, they, people etc., write a passive sentence.**

1 Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
2 They cancelled all flights because of fog. All _____
3 People don't use this road much. _____
4 Somebody accused me of stealing money. I _____
5 How do people learn languages? How _____
6 People warned us not to go out alone. _____



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